

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 6-11-18

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on June 11, 2018, at the Ethan City Hall at 6:00 pm. Trustees present were Jason Koch, Megan Perry, Nancy Schoenfelder and Gregg Thibodeau with Lisa Hjellum joining the meeting at 7:08. City personnel present: Betty Raymond and Dave Duba. Also present, Jeff Bathke, Eric Ambrosio and Bob Jarding.

Vice-Chairman Koch called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda was approved on motion by Schoenfelder, second by Thibodeau.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from the May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> meetings were approved on motion by Thibodeau, second by Perry. There were no minutes from the Community Center.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Motion Thibodeau, second Schoenfelder to approve the claims.

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds \* employee and board wages – board wages \$831.16, Finance wages \$1165.19; Public Works wages \$2523.54; Jessica DeJong, refund \$46.53; Mike & Lindsey Thompson, refund \$30.12; Elias Monen, refund \$73.68; SD Retirement \$560.70; Aaron Electric, repair \$184.62; Agland Co-op, fuel \$237.60; Badger Meter, \$70.09; Betty Raymond, mileage \$46.20; Bryant's Heating & AC, replace AC unit \$3366.00; Campbell Supply, parts \$31.11; Core & Main, supplies \$66.98; Daily Republic, publishing \$134.91; Dakota Pump, repairs \$403.06; Farmers Alliance, chemicals \$35.00; Innovative Office Solutions, office supplies \$40.26; Menards, supplies \$730.43; Mike's Corner, oil \$29.00; N Perry Construction, exhaust fan \$405.10; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1285.84; Santel, telephone \$160.51; SD Department of Revenue, testing \$15.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1933.63; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$3688.73; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$95.44; US Treasury, employment taxes \$1201.24; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$36.48; Hanson Rural Water, tower/water \$4582.00.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Finance Officer discussed the current financials and reported on the Finance Officer School.

**WATER/SEWER REPORT:** The Board reviewed water loss report. Dave discussed sensor issues at the lagoon and reported that things are now working properly.

**CITIZEN INPUT:** None.

**PLANNING AND ZONING:** Jeff Bathke and Eric Ambrosio discussed developing a comprehensive development plan for Davison County with Ethan sharing the cost with the county, Mitchell and Mt. Vernon. The cost for the Town of Ethan would be around \$500. This will be discussed at the next meeting after receiving more details.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Community Center:** Betty Raymond discussed the purchase of blinds and also reported that a grant was received from Santel to build and install a library box outside the Community Center so books can be picked up and returned at any time.

**Nuisance Property:** Some the issues have been corrected. This will continue to be reviewed.

**Housing Development:** Bob Jarding presented an offer on the two Maple Street lots. Approved on motion by Koch, second by Thibodeau, contingent upon a correction to the contract. The motion also stated that Lisa Hjellum shall have the authority to sign for the council. The city is to provide a survey of lot boundaries and the location of utility lines.

**Railroad Street:** Discussed the land acquisition. Details are still being negotiated.

**Security Cameras:** Jeff Bathke mentioned the possibility of getting a grant for the purchase of cameras. He will provide more information when he comes for the annual visit in September or October. Tabled until this fall.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**District III renewal:** Discussed membership in District III which will be up for renewal in December. Renewal approved on motion by Schoenfelder, second by Perry.

**CAMPER PARKING:** Discussed the issue of having a large camper parked close to an intersection which obstructs the view of traffic. Letters have been sent to the individual to no avail. Dave will speak with them directly. Also discussed moving the no parking sign a greater distance from the corner. It was noted that a person may have a camper parked in an alley and is living in it. The individual will be contacted.

**FIREWORKS DONATION:** The fire department requested a donation for the annual fireworks display. Motion by Perry, second by Koch to do a \$500 community grant.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (SDCL 1-25-3, 1 & 4, Personnel or Legal):** Motion by Hjellum, second by Thibodeau, to enter into executive session at 8:00 pm. At 8:15 pm Koch declared executive session at an end. A motion was then made by Thibodeau and second by Perry to make an offer to purchase land for the extension of Railroad Street. Motion approved with Schoenfelder opposed and Hjellum abstaining.

The next regular board meeting is July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Koch, second by Hjellum to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

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Betty Raymond  
Finance Officer

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Jason Koch  
Vice-Chairman

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